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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Glenn Schrock

Serial No. 10/681,463 **Art Unit 3634**

Filing Date: 10/09/03 **Examiner Alvin C. Chin-Shue**

For: Folding Steps

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT

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PRELIMINARY REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 14, 2004.

This application was made SPECIAL by a decision from the office of the Director of Technology Center 3600 dated June 18, 2004.

The number of claims remains at 20, but three dependent claims (15-17) have been re written in independent form. Therefore, an additional fee of $43 for each newly independent claim is owed. Check # 490 in the amount of $129 is attached for paying the extra claim fee.